

# The Journey

## Series 02: Corruption

### Week 14: Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel

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#### Review (Where We Have Been)

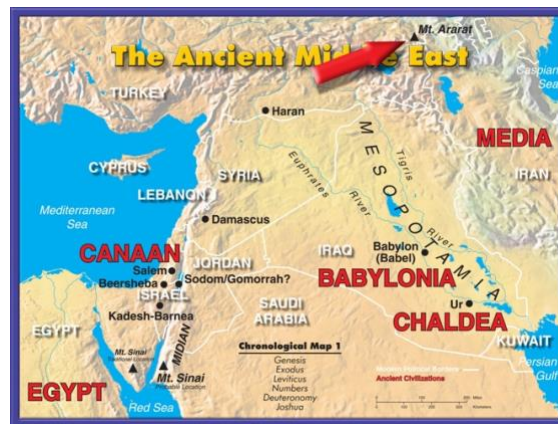
- Man's wickedness was great and God threatened to destroy them by flood  
**Genesis 6:5 (ESV)** The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great...
- Noah righteous family was commanded to build an ark to save them  
**Genesis 6:1 (ESV)** "I will destroy them with the earth. **14** Make yourself an ark."
- Everyone outside the ark was destroyed, except Noah's family who believed God  
**Genesis 7:23 (ESV)** Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark

#### BIG Idea

##### *Where do we go from here?*

- God stopped the rain (sent a strong wind to dry the water, and dry land appeared)
- God didn't forget Noah and the others in the ark
- God returned in a similar, but distinct way to His original creation
- God was starting over with the humans and animals on the ark.

**Genesis 8:1 (ESV)** But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. **4...**the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.



**Genesis 8:15 (ESV)** Then God said to Noah, **16** "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. **17** Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh...that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." **18** So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

## Information (What We Need to Know)

### God's Actions After the Flood...

- God accepts man's worship (relationship is re-established)

**Genesis 8:20 (ESV)** Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. **21** And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done."



- God re-establishes man's dominion in and over the earth

**Genesis 9:1 (ESV)** And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. **2** The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered."

✓ Noah's family was to re-populate the earth

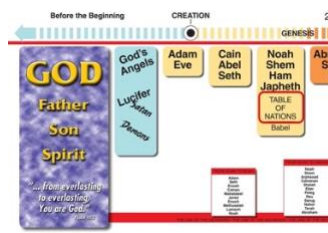
✓ Noah's family was to have dominion over the land animals and sea life

- God promises not to destroy the earth by a global flood again

**Genesis 9:15 (ESV)** "I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.... **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

- God reveals our ancestry (as we are in Adam, now we are found in Genesis 10)

**Genesis 10:32 (ESV)** These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood.



Many years had passed since God saved Noah's family from the great flood.

Once again, many people lived on the earth.

### ***The People's Actions After the Flood...***

- The people lacked trust in God's covenant with Noah

**Genesis 11:3 (ESV)** And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. **4** Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens..."

"Using baked bricks and asphalt for mortar, men built a tower that was both strong and waterproof, even as Noah used the same material in waterproofing the ark. The *materials* relevant to the tower of Babel shows man did not believe God's promise to never again flood the earth. A waterproof tower was made to protect man against a future deluge [flood]." – David Guzik

- The people were filled with pride (they abandoned God's ways)

**Genesis 11:4 (ESV)** Then they said, "...and let us make a name for ourselves..."

- The people refused to spread out across the earth (as God had commanded)

**Genesis 9:1 (ESV)** And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

**Genesis 11:4 (ESV)** Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

### **Application (What We Need to Do)**

*Here's how God responded to the people's mistrust and pride...*

**Genesis 11:5 (ESV)** And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. **6** And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. **7** Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." **8** So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. **9** Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

God is trustworthy. What He says, He will do. If He promises, He will do it. Therefore, we must choose God's way over our own.